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Mrs Susan Austin

Fox Lake
Dodge Co
Wisconsin

2 Oct 1864

Nashville Oct 2th 1864

My Dear Wife

yours of the 28th
came to hand the 28th so you see
it dont take long to go through when
it gets started I shall be on the
way in a few days I think I
shall stop & see the Mammoth
cave in Kentucky on my way
home you can answer this letter
the same as usual to Nashville
I shall be here long enough to get
it & I will tell you in your next
where to direct, you spoke of my
stopping a day or two at E. Poupore
I shall have to call on them but it
will be a short call, if I go home
that way I may not go that way
I dont know whether I shall get started
before the fifteenth of the month or
not if I work till the tenth then it
will take three or four days to get set
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2 but when I do get started I
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he left he has been gone 17 days
I he said he would write when he
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I don't see the reason that I don't
get a letter from him unless he
is sick I can't write, I should
suppose he would get some one to
write for him if he is sick I can't
write, I am getting fattered up on
that coat that I bought just be
I came down he is to die with
only one shirt on I don't know
what I should do if I had two or three
shirts on I think I would know how
without a coat, I hate to leave here
now for I have lots of jobs to do I
could clear 25 or 30 Dollars this month
besides my wages if I should stay

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There is considerable
stir here about the draft
in Lewisville by they are offering
fifteen hundred dollars in gold
for a substitutes & there is a
number gone from here & there
is, three of the boys that is at work
here have been at me to go they
say we cant earn the money
any easier that is about the
same as three thousand in green
backs & that with one hundred
from Governmant & 18 dollars per
month would make quite a nice
little pile, I think Mr Sherman must
have felt cheap when he got into
Mers Deniston sistern I should have
had it fixed if it had been mine
before this time & had some use
of it but it is a good trap to
catch lofers in I dont know
as I have much more news to
write

I had like to have said any
thing about Anna it seems
that Jim has enlisted by her letter
& they have had bad luck generally
she seems to think that E is to be
married in less than a year. well
that is a natural consequence
they don't like to hire a lone but
she knows her own business best
& without doubt she would be better
off if she got a good man but they
are all such hard cases that they
are not worth much Gilbert has just
come down here he is well I was
going up to the quarters to see him
for I had a letter for him
you must take all the comfort
you can get living a lone for I
shall soon be home to tea & brother
you & then I then there will be a
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H. Austin

[[Nick Dante 6/30/2016]]

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[[Page 1- Envelope]]

[[image- red three cents U.S. postage stamp]]

[[image- faded black circle stamp: OCT 1864 TEN]]

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[[different handwriting in a ballpoint pen:]] 2 Oct 1864

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Nashville Oct 2th 1864

[[embossing print: HOLYOKE, CO.]]

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